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SUBJECT: RUBBER -- APPOINTMENT OF NEW SEC GEN OF IRSG

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1. THE LONDON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STUDY GROUP (IRSG) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET DECEMBER 15, TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, SELECTION OF A NEW SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPLACE PHILLIP ADAMS, WHO RETIRES EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1976. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FRG, JAPAL, CANADA, USSR, ITALY, MALAYSIA, THAILAND AND INDONESIA ATTENDED IN ADDITION TO US, THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND THE GROUP CHAIRMAN (FRANCE). EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN DELL (UK) WILL CIRCULARIZE MEMBERS LATER THIS MONTH, INVITING EACH MEMBER TO NOMINATE UP TO THREE CANDIDATES. NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE IN Y MID-FEBRUARY, WITH A SELECTION COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF LONDON REPS OF THE US, USSR, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, AND CHAIRMAN DELL TO MEET FEBRUARY 26 TO SCREEN CANDIDATES. HOPEFULLY, SELECTION WILL BE MADE

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AT A FULL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN LATE

MARCH.

2. IDEAL CANDIDATE SHOULD BE WITHIN 40-50 AGE GROUP, WITH ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY, KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, FAMILIARITY WITH COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND EXPERIENCE IN STATISTICAL METHODS. APPOINTMENT WOULD BE INDEFINITE; RETIREMENT AT 60, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION TO 65. SALARY KEYED TO UK CIVIL SERVICE, ABOUT 10,000 POUNDS, WHICH AMOUNTS TO SOME 6,000 POUNDS NET OF TAXES (40-45 PERCENT). TRANSPORTATION AND INSTALLATION EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID BY ORGANIZATION.

3. DURING DISCUSSION, CONSENSUS WAS THAT SALARY COUPLED WITH LACK OF TAX EXEMPTION WAS MUCH TOO LOW TO BE ATTRACTIVE TO A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FROM OVERSEAS. IN RESPONSE TO USREP QUESTION RE POSSIBILITY OF SECURING TAX EXEMPT STATUS FOR THE IRSG, CHAIRMAN DELL REPLIED HE WAS IN PROCESS OF REQUESTING SUCH STATUS FROM THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO) BUT DID NOT EXPECT AN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER. IRSG STATUS WAS LAST REVIEWED IN 1973 AND REQUEST DENIED. FCO GRANTS PRIVILEGED AND IMMUNITIES UNDER 1950 LEGISLATION, AS AMENDED IN 1968. RULING UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN THAT INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS BASED ON INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT QUALIFY, BUT STUDY GROUPS DO NOT.

4. BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR DELL'S EFFORTS TO SECURE EXEMPTION. MAIN POINTS WERE:

- A) IN ABSENCE OF EXEMPTION, RECRUITMENT EFFECTIVELY LIMITED TO UK AND PERHAPS ONLY TO PENSIONERS AT THAT.
- B) UK DISTINCTION BETWEEN STUDY GROUPS AND ICAS VERY FINE.
- C) SINCE IRSG IS INTER-GOVERNMENTAL, UK TAX ON STAFF SALARIES IS, IN EFFECT, A TAX ON GOVERNMENTS (POINT THAT UK PROBABLY RECOUPS ITS CONTRIBUTION VIA INCOME TAXES ON STAFF NOT MADE).

5. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, CHAIRMAN DELL NOTED THAT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEW OF OBVIOUS CONCERN, GOVERNMENTS MAY WISH TO MAKE THIS KNOWN TO FCO. FRG REP SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE DONE VIA A US NOTE IN ASSOCIATION WITH SUCH OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WOULD AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEMARCHE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WE CONCUR IN VIEW THAT LACK OF TAX EXEMPTION EFFECTIVELY NARROWS FIELD TO UK RESIDENTS;

THIS NOT DESIRABLE SINCE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FIND
BEST CANDIDATE REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY. REQUEST
AUTHORIZATION TO SEND NOTE AND WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE
ON CONTENTS. SPECIFICALLY, SHOULD NOTE BE JOINT WITH
OTHERS? WHAT IS US OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE
RE EXEMPTIONS?

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